Export of automobile parts

1523. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that world's leading automobile vehicle manufacturers are coming to India for purchasing auto parts and making enquiries for collaboration in manufacture of parts, etc.; and

(b) if so, the extent of exports of these parts/items and foreign exchange earned during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Due to current cost pressures, the global Multi-national companies are increasingly looking at the "low cost countries" like China, Thailand, India, Malaysia, Brazil, Turkey East Europe etc., for purchasing auto parts. Delegations from world's leading vehicle manufacturers such as Volvo, Cummins, Navistar, Caterpillar and Delphi have visited India during the last 6 months and a few large Indian component manufacturers are in discussions with some of these companies for global sourcing contracts. It is expected that finalisation of these contracts would start translating into real business to the Indian companies in the coming years.

(b) The export of auto parts covered under ITC (HS) Code 8708—Parts and Accessories of motor vehicles during the last three years has been as under:

Quantity in Metric Tonnes—Value in Rs. Lakhs

2000=01		2001-02		2002-03*	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
95967	136972	107829	143972	113808	163605

*April, 2002—February, 2003.

Source: DGCI&S